

## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Kindly insert the following new text at page 22, line 25 of the specification.

### **BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING**

**Figure 1.** Figure 1 shows the elimination of benzylsulfonyl-D-Ser-Gly, as well as derivatives containing Ala or Glu in the P2 position, following i.v. administration and as determined by means of HPLC.

Kindly delete the illustration at page 27, line 14, of the specification.

Kindly amend the paragraph found in the specification at page 27, line 20-page 28, line 8, in the following manner.

Female Wistar rats (240-300 g body weight) were anesthetized (ethylurethane, 2.5 g/ml in NaCl, 0.5 ml/100 g rat), after which the *A. carotis* located in the neck was exposed. A catheter inserted into this vessel enabled blood to be removed at specified times. The volume administered was 0.5 ml, while 0.9% NaCl was used as the administration solution. 500 µl blood samples (treated in a ratio of 19 + 1 with 1.04 M sodium citrate) were withdrawn at the following times: 2, 5, 15, 30, 45, 60, 90, 120, 150, 180, 210, 240 and 270 min. The resultant loss of blood was offset, immediately after removal of the sample, with 500 µl of 0.9% NaCl solution. Citrate plasma was obtained by centrifuging the blood at 1200×g for 10 min. The concentrations of the active compounds in the plasma were determined by means of HPLC (Figure 1).